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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 11, 2008, having a shortened statutory period expiring on October 11, 2008 having. This response includes a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two-month extension of time, setting a new time for response to December 11, 2008 Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No amendments to the specification or drawings are presented in this paper.

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